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The Honorable Greg Ganske
U.S. House of Representatives
1108 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1504

Dear Congressman Ganske:

As a grassroots organization representing the interest of patients nationwide, we at the Center for Patient Advocacy are writing to express our continued support for your efforts to pass strong and enforceable managed care reform legislation. We are pleased to offer our support for the Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001 (H.R. 526/S. 283).


The American public and Members of Congress, from both sides of the aisle, have been calling for bipartisan legislation that would protect patients from managed care abuses and help ensure patients have access to the quality health care they need, deserve and have paid for. The Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001 does just that. We are pleased the bill provides:

- A binding, independent external review process;
- Access to out-of-network providers;
- Access to specialty care;
- Access to emergency room care;
- Access to clinical trials;
- Continuity of care for patients; and most important,
- The ability to hold managed care companies legally accountable if they choose to make medical decisions that harm patients.

We commend your continued active leadership in the managed care reform debate and your tireless efforts to secure a strong, enforceable solution to the problems patients across the nation are facing. We look forward to working with you, other Members of Congress, and the White House to pass comprehensive managed care reform in 2001

Sincerely,


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